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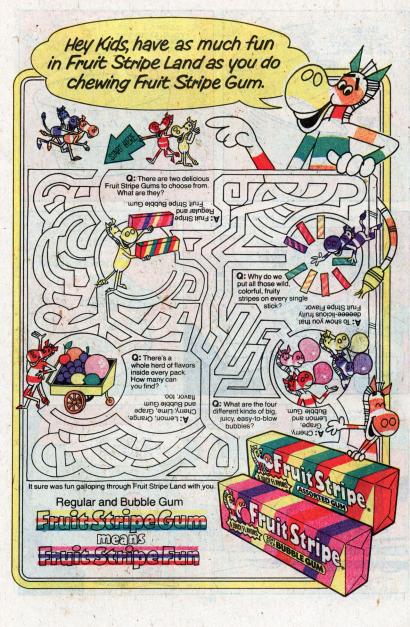
































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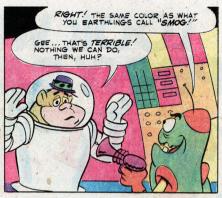
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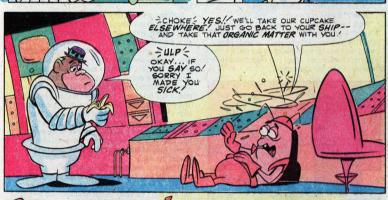


















The sun was just coming up as Huckleberry Hound sleepily tramped out of his house and down to the curb to put out a sack of garbage. He set the sack down next to some metal trash cans and started back to his house. Suddenly, he was startled out of his dreamy state when the metal cans began to shake and rattle. A second later, out popped a tawny yellow feline head from out of the cans.

"Yowr!?" it said, questioningly.

"Well, bless my booties," said Huck, chuckling. "It's a little old kitty cat. I like kitty cats. Here, kitty, kitty. That garbage can is no place for you." Huck leaned over and tenderly picked up the cat. It licked his face, affectionately. "Say, little feller," said Huck, "how would you like some milk?"



Suddenly, from around the corner of the house next door, a big dog charged Huck and the cat. It came at them with its teeth bared, ready for a good chase. Huck hugged the cat close to his body and started to run.

"Don't worry," he said, "I won't let that big dog get you!"

Huck ran down the block with the cat held tightly in his arms. The dog was close on his heels, barking savagely. Huck weaved in and out of garbage cans, around parked cars, and through flower beds in an effort to escape from the dog, but to no avail.

"I can't keep this pace up much longer," panted Huck, "I'm getting tired and that dog will get us for sure. It's time to make a stand. Remember the Alamo!" he shouted and quickly scrambled up the nearest large tree. He settled himself securely on a high branch and looked down at the dog.

"We could be stuck here for ages," he said to the cat. "Easy, there, little feller," he added, as the cat began to struggle in his arms, "I won't let anything happen to you."

At that moment, the cat broke free and jumped down from the tree.

"Come back!" shouted Huck. "You'll get yourself hurt!"

But the cat payed no attention. It landed firmly on the ground in front of the dog and crouched for an attack. Then, with a deep-throated growl, it began to slink toward the big dog.

The dog, who was not used to cats behaving this way, became confused, then fearful, as the cat came brayely toward it. When it was just a few inches away, the cat stopped and settled itself for a spring. The dog decided then and there that it wanted no part of this fight and it turned and ran away, yelping. The cat looked after the retreating dog for a moment, then it turned to Huck, a satisfied look on its face.

"Well, I'll be doggoned," said Huck, amazed.
Just then, a truck pulled up in front of the tree. It
had 'City Wild Animal Farm' printed on the side of it.
A man jumped out of the driver's seat and ran
toward the cat.

"There you are, junior," he said, "I've been looking all over for you." He glanced up at the branch where Huck was sitting and laughed. "I see you've found our lion cub," he said. "Junior here escaped from the animal farm last night and I've,been looking for him all over the city. I hope he hasn't caused you any trouble."

"No trouble at all," said Huck, waving as the man got back into his truck and drove away. "But I know a dog who's gonna need a psychiatrist."









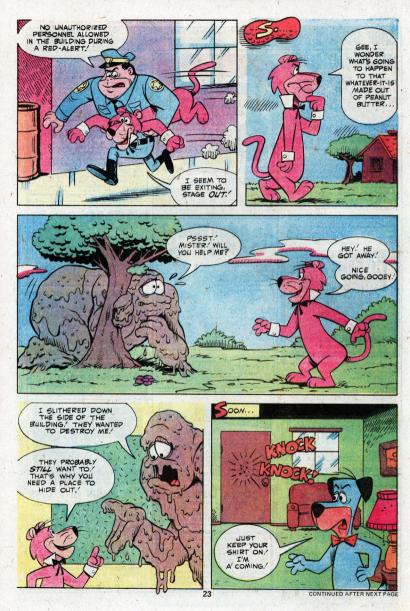
























BULLPEN BULLETINS

- STAN'S SOAPBOX -

Hey, it's too much! You wouldn't believe the way the mail is pouring in with questions and comments about our Marvel ous TV shows! The one query we're most frequently hit with is "How can we, the Marvel readers, make our opinions known?" Well, culture lovers, even though there are no letter columns or Bulloen Bulletins on TV, there's one foolproof way for you to broadcast your own reactions to our titanic little TV tidbits. Just write a letter or postcard with your comments, criticisms, or congratulations about our live-action shows to CBS-TV 51 West 52nd St., New York, N.Y. 10019; or, if you wanna yak about the new Fantastic Four Saturday morning cartoon series, mail your missive to NBC-TV 3000 West Alamendt Ave; Burbank, CA 01522

In other words, all you need do is write to the fleelijston network on which the program is presented, and remember—the mail they receive really does make a difference! Y-know, when the Dr. Strange two-hour movie was first shown on GBS a few months ago, dozens of people told me how much they enjoyed it. But when I asked, if they had dropped a note to

CBS telling how they felt, not one of them had thought to do so, because they hadn't realized that their letters would matter. So, a word to the wise. (And who ever heard of an unwise Marvelite?) Your opinions really do count—but only if you let the network know!

And, speaking of letting people know, if you happen to be in or near Miami, Florida on April 7th, drop by the Holiday Inn, 110th Street and Biscayne Blwd, in North Miami, and say hello. I'll be there, whoopin' it up for o' Marvel, as usual, at the famous Miamicon 2, which runs from April 6th through the 8th, where it's always great to greet a horde of true believers!

So, till we meet again, let's all ponder the imperishable words of Inving Forbush: "Never hassle a howling Hulk-you wouldn't like him when he's angry!" Or, as we say in the Bullpen: "Never thirke an ailing Asgardian—you wouldn't like him when he's Thor!" (Forgive me anga— it's been a touch day!)

Excelsion

Stan

ITEM! In this column we often ramble on shamelessly about how well we're doing on various titles, and how wonderfully we've impressed ourselves with whatever new special project is on the fire at the moment. The fact s, without exception, the hype herein stems from sincere excitement about the creative endeavors we blurb, but sometimes it must seem to you that we're pushing our wares too hard. Now, we were going to start off this month's news with a wowie-kazowie rave about our impending almost-a-shoe-in TV deal for none other than SPIDER-WOMAN, and pat ourselves on the back for the terrific job that we've done with the character, but with our aforementioned worries in mindwell, we just can't! In many ways, we have every right to brag-after all, who can knock success? We've had terrific penciling issue after issue by Carmine Infantino, top-notch scripting by both longtime superstar Mary Wolfman and talented upstart Mark Gruenwald, and nifty inking by recent discovery Al Gordon. Even the coloring's been outstanding. What's more, the mail response has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic and the sales have been pretty good! With a TV deal in the offing, who, you may well inquire, could ask for anything more? Frankly, we could. Maybe we're crazy to want to tamper with a winner,



but there just seemed to be something missing from Spider-Woman. As any pro will tell you, something can be very good without being "right". The best art and the best wordsmithing series-that happy harmony in the creative effort that makes a book a standout. Not being the type of folks to settle for less than perfect, several weeks ago, Jim Shooter, Mark Gruenwald, Mary Wolfman, Jim Salicrup, and Stan the Man himself settled into Stan's office, ordered up lunch (on the company!) and spent the entire afternoon talking things out, analyzing our approach to Spider-Woman, discussing who she is, why she is that way, and how to best portray her. It was a long, exhausting brainsession-but worth it, because a lot of things fell into place! At last, we think we've got it! Spider-Woman #14 ought to be on sale soon after you read this. If you should happen to buy a copy, (and we certainly hope you will) be sure and write in and tell us how we're doing. After all, you folks out there have the final word!

ITEM! All humility aside, we'd like to mention that we happened to have produced a few of the best comics ever, anywhere, which are on sale right now! For instance? Well, how about DAREDEVIL #158, which brings you the long-awaited revelation of the secret of Deathstalker: Roger McKenzie wrote it, Frank Miller penciled it, Klaus Janson inked it, and, no two ways about it, it's magnificent. Another out-and-out triumph is THOR #283, by Roy Thomas, John Buscema and Chic Stone, featuring a tale entitled, "Suddenly...the Celestials!" Still another smash is MICRO NAUTS #5, "The Prometheus Pit", by Bill Mantlo, Mike Golden and Joe Rubinstein. There are other great comics from Marvel this month, of course, but we'll leave for you the joy of discovering them. Check out your local newsstand. We have a hunch you'll love



ITEM! Just a quick parting note. Many people have written in asking just who it is who writes this crazy column. Most folks presume it's Smilin' Stan, since his is the only signature on the whole bullipen page, but, in fact, Stan writes only the soapbox part of the page. Ye Olde Editor-in-Chief pens these lines, and here by is declared responsible for all dumb mistakes herein, So, there! The truth, at last, is out. Now can we please lay to rest the rumor that Jim Shooter has field to Borneo babbling something about schedules?

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